Episode 73: The Town Where Everything Began

WHEN THE TERRITORY WAS LOST FIVE YEARS AGO, THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY WAS MASSIVE.

THE AREA WITHIN WALL MARIA REPRESENTED ONE THIRD OF THE LAND HUMANITY HAD LEFT.

IT SEEMED WRONG FOR US TO CONTINUE LIVING.

...THOSE LOSSES WERE ONLY THE BEGINNING.

AND, AS THOSE WHO REMAINED INSIDE THE TWO WALLS QUICKLY REAL-IZED...

...WAS OUT OF HUMAN HANDS.

WHETHER HUMANITY COULD SURVIVE ANOTHER DAY...

EVERY-THING WAS NOW UP TO THE TITANS.

...HAD NO WAY OF DEFEATING THEM.

BE-CAUSE HUMANI-TY...

I'M GONNA ...

... DESTROY THEM!!

...OF THOSE ANI-MALS ...

EVERY LAST ONE...

...THAT'S ON THIS EARTH!!

BUT, THAT DAY, ONE BOY...

...GRIPPED THE DAGGER IN HIS HEART...

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...STOMPING ITS MASSIVE HEAD INTO THE GROUND.

...AND USED IT TO KILL A TITAN...

HOW DID THE HUMANS WHO SAW THAT SIGHT FEEL?

SOME WERE FILLED WITH PRIDE.

SOME WERE FILLED WITH HOPE.

SOME WERE FILLED WITH RAGE.

BUT ALL OF THEM SCREAMED.

Manga Flame

...WHAT SCREAM WILL FILL HUMANITY'S HEARTS?

NOW, IF WALL MARIA IS TAKEN BACK...

...THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR THEM IN THIS WORLD?

CAN THEY EVER BELIEVE AGAIN...

...THAT THEY CONTROL THEIR OWN DESTINIES?

CAN THEY EVER BE MADE TO BELIEVE...

Manga Mi Fi to

IF THESE SOL-DIERS...

...CAN RETAKE WALL MARIA...

KEEP THE LIGHT ON YOUR FEET!

HEY!

S...SORRY.

WHOA...!

ZZSHT

IF WE CAN GET PAST THIS MOUNTAIN, WE'LL BE CLOSE TO SHIGANSHINA.

ARE WE STILL NOT TO THE FOOT OF THIS THING? IT'S ALMOST DAWN.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE USING YOUR ENERGY HERE.

YEAH, I KNOW.

SORRY YOU'VE GOT TO HANDLE MY HORSE...

GSST

OH YEAH! ...SORRY.

YOU HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THERE'S AN ENEMY RIGHT AROUND EVERY CORNER--

DON'T USE HIS NAME, STUPID.

SHE'S RIGHT, EREN. YOU SHOULD REST.

GSST

EVERY-ONE HALT !!

BA-BAM

ILL-UMI-NATE THE AREA!

TITAN TO THE LEFT !!

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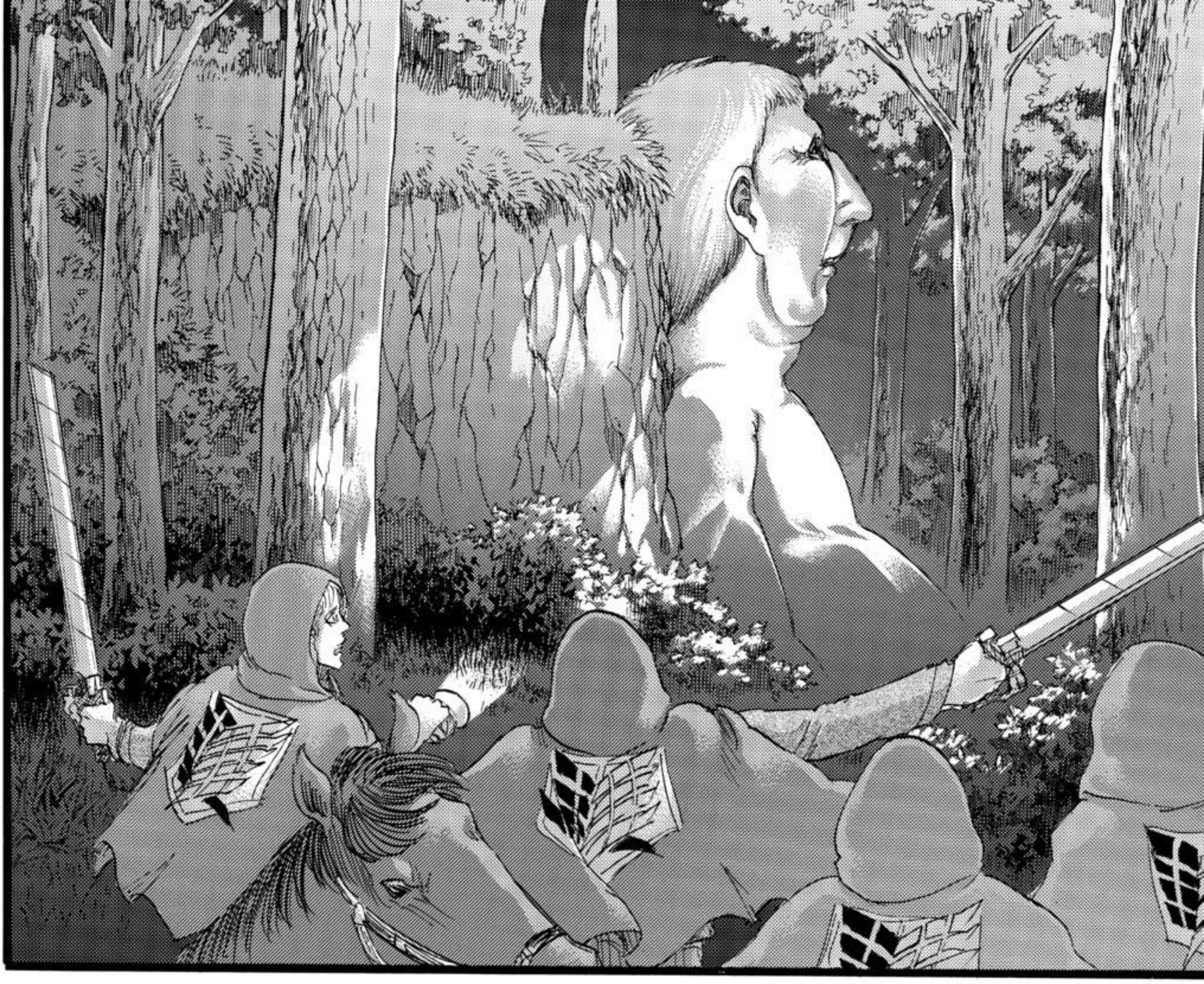

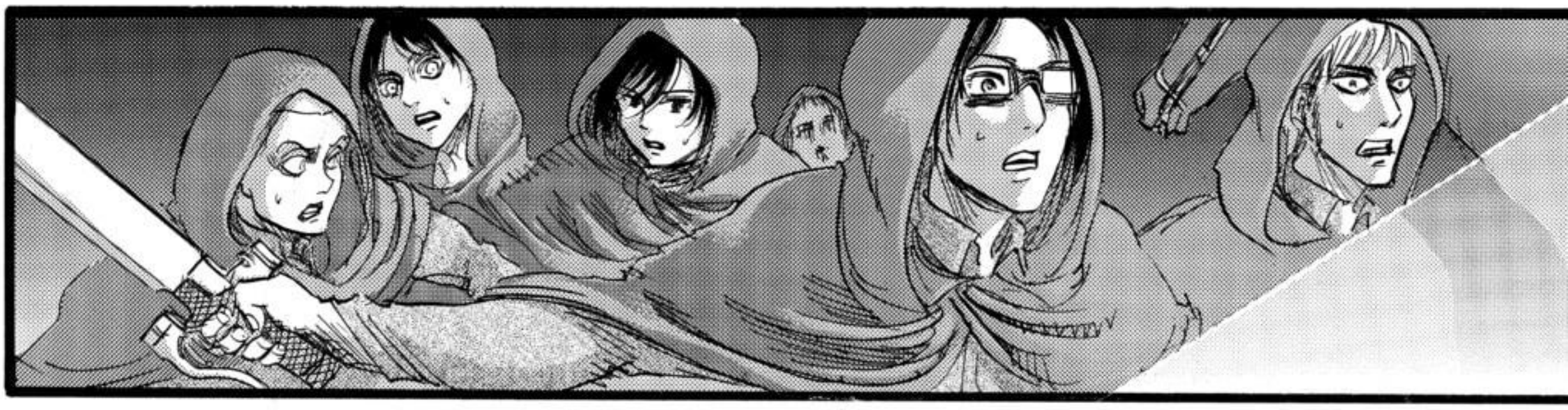

THIS LITTLE ONE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ONE OF THE NEWER TYPES THAT CAN MOVE AROUND AT NIGHT...
HEH HEH... TOO BAD. WE'LL LEAVE HIM BE.
...IT'S OKAY.
HE'S DOZING AWAY.

PHEW...

ZAKK

...BUT THIS DARKNESS IS PROBABLY WHAT'S PROTECTING US.

EXACTLY. NORMALLY, I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST MIDNIGHT STROLLS THROUGH THE FOREST...

WE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE IT UNTIL WE WERE SO CLOSE...

ZAKK

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS RIGHT TO WAIT FOR A NEW MOON.

HE COULD BE ONE OF THOSE MOONLIGHT TITANS, TOO.

ZAKK

WHILE IT'S ONLY A HYPOTHESIS THAT THESE NEW TITANS USE THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF SUN AS ENERGY TO MOVE...

AND MOONLIGHT IS JUST REFLECTED SUNLIGHT.

ZAKK

WHEN CONNIE AND HISTORIA ENCOUNTERED A MOVING TITAN AT NIGHT, THE MOON WAS OUT.

ZAK

ZAK

I HOPE WE CAN CAPTURE ONE SOME-DAY...

WHAT'S SO SCARY?!

THUMP

AM I SHAKING ...?! ...WHY ?!

THUMP

THUMP

IF WE FAIL TO RETAKE WALL MARIA...

DAMMIT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME ALL OF A SUDDEN...? DON'T I KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF WE MESS UP HERE?!

DOES SOME PART OF ME ACTUALLY THINK THIS ISN'T OUR LAST CHANCE?!

...DON'T I KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LOSE HOPE?!

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SOMEONE AS PATHETIC AS ME?

RATTLE

RATTLE

HOW'S SOMEONE LIKE ME... SUPPOSED TO SAVE ALL OF HUMANITY?

MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS AFTER ALL...

...EREN.

...

WHY ARE YOU SHAKING?

ARE YOU SCARED?

AH ...

HUH ?!

OF COURSE I'M NOT SCARED !

WHAT? NO WAY. YOUR HANDS WERE SHAKING.

THAT'S BECAUSE... I'M COLD.

MY HANDS ARE FREEZING RIGHT NOW.

REALLY ?

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STOP SHAKING FOR A WHILE NOW.

SEE ?

TREMBLE

HAVE YOU EVER FELT SCARED OF THE TITANS, EREN?

PEOPLE ARE USUALLY TERRIFIED OF THEM.

EVEN ME... THE FIRST TIME I FACED OFF AGAINST A TITAN...

...I WAS FROZEN IN PLACE...

...WHEN YOU...

...AND THE OTHERS WERE BEING EATEN...

BUT...

THEN YOU CAME...

...AND PULLED ME OUT OF THAT TITAN'S MOUTH.

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...WHY WERE YOU ABLE TO DO THAT?

ZZSH

ZZSH

...FOR MY SAKE.

YOU WERE NEVER SUPPOSED TO SACRI-FICE YOURSELF ...

THAT TIME YOU SHOWED ME THAT BOOK...

HUH ?

IT REMINDED ME...OF THAT DAY.

I...

THAT WAS THE VERY FIRST TIME...

I'D ONLY SPENT MY DAYS LOOKING AT THE CLOUDS IN THE SKY.

I HAD NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WAS BEYOND THE WALLS UNTIL THEN...

BUT THEN YOU CAME RUNNING TO ME WITH A BOOK.

NOT THAT IT'S ANYTHING STRANGE FOR A KID EIGHT OR NINE YEARS OLD TO NOT BE THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING...

BUT IT ALL CHANGED...

...WHEN I HEARD YOU TELLING ME THOSE THINGS...

THAT'S ALL WE WERE BACK THEN.

BOTH OF US WERE OUTCASTS. WE NEVER GOT ALONG WITH THE OTHER KIDS IN TOWN.

...AND I SAW THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES...

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...A DREAM I COULDN'T SEE.

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING AN AMAZING DREAM.

YEAH.

MY EYES?

I WASN'T FREE.

THAT'S WHEN I KNEW FOR THE FIRST TIME!

AND WHEN I REALIZED THAT...

AND THAT THOSE FREAKISH THINGS HAD TAKEN MY FREEDOM. THE WORLD WAS SO BIG, BUT THEY'D FORCED ME INTO A TINY CAGE.

I REALIZED THAT I HAD BEEN LIVING IN A BIRDCAGE ALL THAT TIME.

...I KNEW I COULD NEVER FORGIVE THEM.

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I DUNNO WHY, BUT...

WHEN I THINK ABOUT GETTING THAT FREEDOM BACK...

!

...I CAN FEEL IT.

...THE STRENGTH WELLING UP INSIDE OF ME.

THANK YOU, ARMIN.

I'M ALL RIGHT NOW.

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THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, I BET WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE SEA.

... YEAH.

...!

THIS AREA ...

I RE-MEM-BER IT.

I USED TO COME HERE BEFORE TO GATHER FIREWOOD...

I CAN SEE THE OLD TRAIL !!

WE'VE SPOTTED THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN!

WE'RE ...

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

BACK HERE...

I CAN HEAR THE SOUND OF THE RIVER !!

WE'RE... ALMOST THERE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME...

...SINCE WE RAN AWAY THAT DAY.

BACK TO OUR HOME TOWN...

...BE CAREFUL OF HIDING TITANS !!

THE SUN IS START-ING TO RISE !!

ALL TROOPS SWITCH TO VERTI-CAL MANEU-VERING !!

CLOP CL-CLOP CLOP CLOP CL-CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

BEGIN THE OPERATION !!

SLOSH

BA-BAM

ESHH HH HH

ESHH HH HH

ESHH HH HH

HOOH

HOOH

SWOOSH

SWOOSH

SWOOSH

SSSSHHHHHH

THE ENEMY'S GOAL IS TO CAPTURE EREN.

WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE AWARE THAT HE NOW HAS THE ABILITY TO RESEAL THE WALL...

BUT IF THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE, THEY PROBABLY ASSUME WE HAVE SOME WAY TO SEAL IT.

THEY'VE LIKELY ALSO FIGURED OUT THAT WE'LL TRY TO REPAIR THE OUTER GATE...

AFTER ALL, THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT BASEMENT IN SHIGANSHINA...

...IS ALREADY KNOWN TO OUR ENEMIES.

THEY'LL GUESS THAT EREN WILL BE AT THE OUTER GATE WHEN IT'S SEALED.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T GUESSED...

...HEADING FOR THE OUTER GATE AT THE SAME TIME.

...THAT WE'LL HAVE A HUNDRED SOLDIERS HIDING THEIR FACES WITH HOODS...

BY THE TIME THEY KNOW WHICH ONE OF US IS EREN...

...THE GATE WILL ALREADY BE SEALED.

WSHH

THUK

WHOOOOOSH

Manga Fireto

AH!!

GET TO THE OUTER GATE!!

DON'T STOP !!

YES, SIR!!

...

WHOOSH

?!

WHAT THE...?

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THEY MUST HAVE RUSHED DOWN THE WALL!!

ASHES FROM A CAMP-FIRE?!

?!

THEY'RE HERE... CLOSE BY...

COM-MAND ER!!

...AND REINER...

TH-THUMP

BERTOLT...

TH-THUMP

SCRRRRR

...WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE.

MY HOME...

...WE LEFT EVERYTHING BEHIND.

THE PLACE WHERE...

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I'LL GET IT BACK.

BUT THAT'S FINE.

GRIP

WHOOOOOOOSH

HOW ...?!

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE TITAN IN THE AREA!

I CAN DO IT.

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...SOME-THING IS DEFINITELY STRANGE.

THAT'S NOT THE HALF OF IT. WE HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN ONE YET.

...WE HAVE TO PRESS ON.

KA-CHAK

BUT ...

WE'VE FALLEN RIGHT INTO THE ENEMY'S HANDS.

THE OPERATION WILL CONTINUE AS PLANNED.

PSHH

I CAN DO IT.

...NO.

...CAN DO IT.

WE...

BECAUSE...

...FROM THE DAY WE WERE BORN...

...THERE WAS SOME-THING SPECIAL ABOUT ALL OF US...

WHOOSH

WE'RE FREE.

AHHH

MangaFire.to

ATTACK
ON TITAN